

Column One
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Juin Warns West On
North Africa Stand

A POLICY is not necessarily bad because it fails. It becomes bad when it is persisted in as though there had been no failure. The trouble is to know failure when it appears and above all to know how much it is inherent in the policy itself and how much due to unforeseeable circumstances outside that policy and whether those unforeseeable circumstances are likely to recur. In short, policy in its application by one nation to another—that is to say, foreign policy—is a devilish difficult and was never so hard as it is now. It is never more aggravating and frustrating than western policy towards the Arab nations of the Middle East.

PERHAPS the West's, and particularly Britain's, Arab policy has always been bad. I would not like to say one way or the other without making a very careful study of its origins and growth. But since the last war it has suffered what must, I suppose, be called failure. It has culminated the other day in the removal by King Hussein of I. General Glubb from command of the Arab Legion. These past few failures began with the venture some and in the end successful defence of powerful western interests by that peculiar figure, Mr. Mossadeq. Then came Britain's decision, under Egyptian pressure, to withdraw from the Suez Canal Zone. Jordan turned up next with its rejection of the Baghdad Pact and still holds the stage with its flamboyant dismissal of the Arab Legion's British command.

THE one followed from the other. The question is what was the cause of these failures and what should be the readjustment to British and Anglo-American Middle East policy if the succession of failures is to be brought to an end. In considering the first part of the question, another is posed, especially in relation to the most significant and fertile of the failures, that is, the removal of Britain from the Canal Zone. Was it, indeed, Britain's withdrawal that represented the failure, or was it the fact that Britain was there at all, a whole army with, in effect, extra-territorial rights? If I may put it another way, was Britain's withdrawal from Egypt, which gave that country's rulers the prestige among fellow Arabs that encouraged their ambition to achieve Middle East hegemony, the end of an old bad policy and the beginning of a new, experimental policy?

IF the second, that would seem to need quite a deal of readjustment. Obviously, in its present form it cannot much longer stand up to misadventure of the order of the Czechoslovak-Egyptian arms deal, Jordan's rejection of the Baghdad Pact or the dismissal of I. General Glubb. It had been hoped that a new and wiser Middle East policy would emerge from the Washington Conference, but it has not. It is admitted that there has been little sign of it so far. Perhaps King Hussein's rude snub will shock the West into another and radical effort to devise a policy in keeping with its own interests while mindful of the rights and interests of all the Middle Eastern states without exception. I hope so.

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PALMERSTON may turn in his grave but it is not a bit of use his ghost haunting the Foreign Office corridors to echo hollowly with the churning sound of gunboats. What, then, is the modern equivalent of the gunboat? That is what the West must find out quickly.

Jerusalem, March 5.

Iran Demands Recall Of Soviet Attache
TEHERAN, Sunday (Reuter).—Persia today demanded the recall within a week of Major Anatoli Kuznetsov, Soviet Deputy Military Attache, who was arrested last week on a spying charge and later released. A note handed to the First Secretary of the Soviet Embassy alleged that Kuznetsov had been engaged in espionage and that his activities were contrary to all international conventions, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said. Kuznetsov was reported at the time of his arrest to have been with a Persian Air Force warrant officer, who was alleged to have given him information.

PARIS, Sunday (Reuter).—Marshal Alphonse Juin, French Commander-in-Chief of Allied forces in Central Europe, said today that success of "the pilot" in broad to oust France from North Africa would wreck Western Europe's defence.

Speaking at the unveiling of a war memorial, he said that France's allies could remain indifferent to the result of the contest being waged in North Africa. If France were ousted, her Mediterranean flank would be exposed. Meanwhile, the date of the meeting between the French and British Prime Ministers will be definitely fixed only after the Algerian debate in the National Assembly on Thursday and Friday.

Sir Anthony Eden was understood to have asked Mr. Guy Mollet to spend next week at Chequers, his official residence. But if the French Premier had to ask for a vote of confidence on Friday, he may not be able to get away before the middle of next week. The meeting is now expected to take place towards March 13.

The French Foreign Minister, M. Christian Pineau, started the world on Friday by saying that there was no real community in foreign policy between America, Britain and France in recent years. Both the moderate left in the Mollet Cabinet and the moderate right now in opposition agree that Britain and America have never shown enough solidarity with France in general and French North African problems in particular.

'Entente Cordiale'
In wanting to revitalize the entente cordiale with Russia, Mr. Mollet will therefore have wide support in the Assembly provided he can bring back to Paris something concrete from his forthcoming trip to Moscow.

The dominant French view is that British traditional policy in the Middle East never headed French interests and has now practically collapsed. They point to the failure in the Suez Canal Zone, the dismissal of Gen. Glubb and consider that in the long run the present British attitude in the Middle East cannot be maintained. Mr. Mollet may suggest to Sir Anthony Eden a number of practical points on which Britain could support France. One of them will no doubt be the previous French proposal that instead of the ill-fated attempt to get Jordan to join the Baghdad Pact, joint mediation by the U.S., Britain and France between Israel and the Arab states was the right line to pursue. Mr. Mollet may also talk about the possibility of taking joint diplomatic action against Egypt, considered here as the real centre of the Algerian rebellion. The French Government is being pressed to do more than protest verbally against the virulent anti-French campaign alleged to be organized in Cairo and supported by the supply of money and arms to the Algerian rebels.

COMMONS TO HEAR
OF Cyprus Deadlock
LONDON, Sunday.—Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, British Colonial Secretary, will report to Parliament tomorrow afternoon on the deadlock in the recent negotiations with Archbishop Makarios on the constitutional future of Cyprus, an informed source said here today.

The Archbishop said in Cyprus last night that "Britain's intransigence had closed the door to further negotiations." As far as the Cyprus side is concerned "no attempt will be made to reopen the door," he added. Terrorists last night threw a grenade at a military camp near Yialgusa, 60 miles north-east of Nicosia, slightly injuring two British soldiers. The terrorists escaped.

A former Scotland Yard bodyguard to the Duke of Windsor and Sir Anthony Eden shot himself to death in Nicosia, in the apartment of a Cypriot girl who refused to marry him. Superintendent Philip Griffiths said one of the top Scotland Yard police officers sent to Cyprus last October to work with the local police in quelling pro-Greek terrorism.

(UP, Reuter)
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Silverman Threatened Over Anti-Hanging Bill
LONDON, Sunday (Reuter).—Mr. E. Silverman, principal sponsor of a bill to come before the Commons to abolish hanging in Britain, has received an anonymous letter telling him he will die "within 24 hours" if the bill becomes law. The letter is signed "X" and "Y". Mr. Silverman, a Labour M.P., said today that he and five other Members of Parliament have been "marked for elimination." Besides himself, Mr. Silverman has 11 sponsors from all the three main parties in the Commons. The bill is due to be debated within the next 14 days.

Stalin Is Not A
Marx Classic,
Ulbricht Says

BERLIN, Sunday (Reuter).—The East German Communist Party chief, Walter Ulbricht, today made the first attack on Stalin to come from a non-Soviet party leader.

Ulbricht, who was trained in Moscow and has been long regarded as a "true pupil" of Stalin, came out in the chief East German party newspaper, "Neues Deutschland," with the outspoken statement that "Stalin cannot be counted among the classics of Marxism."

In a 6,000-word report on the congress in "Neues Deutschland," Ulbricht said Stalin has caused "significant damage" to the Soviet party by his "outspoken statement" that "Stalin cannot be counted among the classics of Marxism."

Ever since the Moscow criticisms of Stalin became known East German party officials have been at a loss over how to explain them to the rank and file. Ulbricht has now made the line, blaming Stalin for theoretical and practical mistakes while admitting his "significant merits" after the death of Lenin in building up Socialism and fighting the "anti-party groups of Trotskyists, Bukharins and bourgeois nationalists."

RAID FREES EGYPTIAN
SABOTAGE RING CHIEF
CAIRO, Sunday.—A royal decree issued today granted freedom to an Egyptian, Mohammed Ali Isa, who was sentenced here a month ago to four years' hard labour for alleged leadership of a group which planned bomb attacks on embassies of Baghdad pact countries.

The two Palestinian Arabs who had been similarly sentenced with Isa were not included in the royal pardon. (Reuter, UP)

Jordan Events Increase Danger
Of War, New York Paper Sees

"The New York Times" yesterday saw recent developments in the Middle East as tending to "increase the danger of an explosion between the Arabs and Israel."

This influential newspaper said that the dismissal of General John Glubb, based on a single stroke, "underscored the warning of Britain's influence, the threat of further Russian penetration and the danger of new fighting between the Arabs and Israel."

Chances for bringing Jordan into the Baghdad pact now appeared to be virtually nil, while Cairo could "probably swell with new confidence in its ability to play a major diplomatic hand independent of the west," the paper said. The British press yesterday called for a reappraisal of British policies in the Middle East in the wake of the dismissal of General Glubb.

Top Syrian Cabinet
Ministers in Cairo

The Syrian Premier, Said al-Ghazzi, Defence Minister Rashid Barma and the Commander-in-Chief of the Syrian Army, Gen. Shawkat Shukri, arrived in Cairo last night for consultations with their President, Shukry Kuwaty, who is due in the Egyptian capital today from a 10-day vacation at Aswan, on the Upper Nile.

They will also confer with Egyptian government leaders on a wide range of political and military questions. The Syrian statement was received by Prime Minister Abdul Nasser, Foreign Minister Mahmoud Fawzi and General Abdul Hakim Amer, War Minister and Supreme Commander of the Egyptian, Syrian and Saudi Arabian armies under Cairo's separate bilateral war pacts with the two latter states.

The heads of State of Egypt, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Jordan are expected to hold "summit" talks in Cairo early this week to review the Middle East political and military situation, diplomatic sources said in Cairo yesterday.

Abdul Nasser, President Kuwaty and King Saud are expected to attend the talks, suggested by the Jordanian press. It is reported that King Saud may join them.

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Syrian Congratulations
The Syrian Parliament yesterday cabled a message of congratulation to the Jordanian Parliament on the "Liberation of the Jordanian Army from British Command."

Emir Mishaal, Saudi Defence Minister, is now in Cairo visiting military installations and conferring with General Hakim Amer. Abdul Nasser in his capacity as military governor-general has issued a military order requiring all Egyptians, including women, with high academic qualifications in the sciences to register with the general mobilization department.

In a speech before an Arab lawyers' conference in Gaza last night, Abdul Nasser warned of "difficult days ahead in consolidating newly won Arab freedom." He said the first stage in the Arab struggle—that of "liberating the Arab countries"—has in the main now been completed.

"The issue of the next stage, which now confronts us, is the preservation of the freedom. In my view, this is the more difficult stage." (Reuter, Cairo Radio)

Syrians Murder 2 Policemen On
Lake Kinneret; 2 Others Missing
Incident Raises Tension

British Statement on Glubb

The British Government will make a statement in the Commons today on its reaction to the abrupt dismissal of General John Glubb, British Commander of Jordan's Arab Legion, by King Hussein yesterday.

Diplomatic sources in London said the announcement will provide a pointer to future relations between Britain and Jordan, which have been severely strained by the "Glubb incident."

While Gen. Glubb held day-long consultations with Prime Minister Sir Anthony Eden and Minister of State Anthony Nutting in London yesterday, in Jordan crowds of cheering demonstrators roamed the streets of all minor towns for the third consecutive day. In Amman, one youth was reported killed and several injured by jubilant demonstrators shooting off firearms.

The Jordan Government, which earlier declared an amnesty for all political prisoners, proclaimed March 2 as "Arab Legion Liberation Day" in memory of Gen. Glubb's dismissal.

The Legion announced a series of promotions and shuffled a number of posts among the senior officers. Reports spoke of the imminent dismissal of Colonel Leslie Toogood, the Legion's British Finance Officer, despite the Jordan Government's statement on Saturday that the remaining 60-odd British officers will be retained. Col. Toogood, as Finance Officer, controls the annual \$9m. British subsidy to the Arab Legion. The subsidy in the past has been turned over directly to the Legion, and the British Government has rejected repeated demands by the Jordanian Government to have it paid to the Jordanian Treasury.

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He added that in his opinion the threat of world war has not been eliminated. "We have to be ready to take the risk of a 'revolution' which we note with satisfaction," he said. "We have to be ready to take the risk of a 'revolution' which we note with satisfaction."

He said that the "revolution" which we note with satisfaction is the fact that the Soviet Union seems to have acknowledged the dangerous errors which it made in the past and that these errors will not happen again. We hope that the Soviet leaders will also acknowledge that the dangerous errors were not fully justified.

22 Are Killed By
Algerian Rebels

ALGIERS, Sunday (Reuter).—Algerian rebels killed 22 people, including seven French soldiers and a French municipal councillor, in a weekend outbreak of terrorism, according to reports reaching here today.

The soldiers died when about 100 rebels ambushed an army lorry south-west of Tebesa.

In neighbouring Morocco, French Legion troops were rushed to a mine at El Aouam in the Meknes area where a European was killed in a rebel attack last night. The rebels made off with arms and handgrenades.

Demonstrations in favour of Algerian independence were reported in the Moroccan towns of Casablanca and Fegala. The demonstrators brandished the green-and-white flag with crescent of the Algerian rebel movement. No incidents were reported.

In Tunisia, France's third North African territory, the Government announced the setting up of "vigilance committees" under the Interior Ministry to support police action in the struggle against urban terrorism and banditry in the countryside.

Lloyd: Britain Seeks
Peace with East
NEW DELHI, Sunday (Reuter).—The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, said today Britain wanted to live in peace with Russia and China.

"We do not covet their territories or wish to interfere in the development of their societies," he told the Indian Council of world affairs.

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Social & Personal

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The Mayor of Jerusalem, Mr. Gershon Agron, yesterday received Mr. Haim Lieberman, the author and journalist, and Mrs. Lieberman. Present at the meeting were Deputy Mayor Moshe Porush and Moshe Givertzman.

Mrs. Rebecca Steif, President of WIZO, gave a luncheon yesterday in honor of Mrs. Inez Gordon, President of the Women's Zionist Council of the West, at the home of Mrs. Gordon.

ARRIVALS: Mr. Maurice Schwartz, the American Yiddish actor, for a visit to explore possible settlement here. Mr. Morris Barlow, General Manager of the French Parliamentary newspaper, "Journal de Paris", with his wife, for a two-week private visit. Dr. A. Bergman, of the reparations delegation in West Germany from Zurich, for a week's visit. (all by E. A.)

DEPARTURES: A group of 32 U.S. Hadassah tourists for home, after 14 days in the country. Mr. O. Kaila, of the Economic Department of the Finnish Foreign Ministry, and Mr. E. Rantala, of the Finnish Trade Delegation, for Athens. (by T.W.A.). Mr. Yehiel, Chief Engineer of Israel Mining Industries, for Italy and France, on company business. (by L.A.I.).

A group of seven Belgian travel agents were invited to dinner by Tel Aviv at the Sharon Hotel in Herzliya last night. Government Tourist Corporation and Sabena representatives were present.

Commemorating the 100th anniversary of the publication of Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass," Dr. Thomas H. McGrail, Cultural Attaché of the American Embassy, is to talk on the American poet tonight at 8.30 at the Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv. The evening is being co-sponsored by the Israel-American Friendship League.

Dr. Theodore Brosh, the Income Tax Commissioner, will address the Natanya Rotary Club at the Natanya Hotel tonight at 7.45.

PORTFOLIO MARRIAGE: The wedding of Mr. Zeev Herman and Margot Simon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Herman Simon, Jerusalem, will take place tomorrow, March 6, 1956.

MEMORIAL MEETING: Mr. P. Rosen, Minister of Justice, will speak at a meeting to be held by the Merkaz Kupat Holim "Maccabi" in memory of Felix A. Thaler on Wednesday, March 7, at Z.O.A. House, Tel Aviv.

The Dan Club of the Dan Hotel will be closed tonight owing to a private party.

IN A SECOND telegram to The Jerusalem Post, Boulos Boulos of Be'neh village, charges that the Government, by arbitrary measures, is trying to force him to give up his quarry and other property and leave the country.

FINNISH TRADE PACT RENEWED

The Israel-Finnish trade agreement, in the sum of \$5.5m. a year, was yesterday renewed for an additional year, until the end of February, 1957, the Finnish Ministry spokesman announced. The sum is about the same as last year's.

Israel will import mainly timber, wood pulp, paper, cardboard and certain industrial items, and will export citrus, bananas, olive oil, tomato products, as well as cars, spare parts, tires, textiles, chemicals and many other industrial products.

The agreement, signed in Jerusalem, gives Israel an opportunity to increase its exports since controls in Finland were recently relaxed, the spokesman said.

The Finnish delegation, headed by Mr. O. Kaila, Deputy Director of the Economic Department of the Finnish Ministry, spent 10 days in the country and visited many industrial plants.

The Israel delegation, headed by Deputy Director of the Economic Department of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Haim Lieberman, was also present.

Haifa Dog Lovers Appeal for Help

HAIFA, Sunday.—There are too many dogs and not enough dog lovers in Israel, is the opinion of the Haifa Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. Mrs. Miriam Mann and Mrs. Eva Alloggi, to look after the many unwanted dogs they are planning a drive to raise at least \$1,500, to build kennels for strays at the quarantine station near the Shalom beach. There are 18 to 20 unwanted dogs now kept in the open for lack of kennels. They were being dragged by the recent heavy rains.

The Society was founded last May, under the patronage of Mayor Abba Kibuch. The Municipal Vet. Dr. Aryeh Dayan, is President. A Haifa Vet. Dr. A. Lustig, gives the strays free treatment once a week. The Society has five active and 150 paying members, who donate from 250 NIS to 1,000 NIS per month.

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More Representation For Sephardim Urged

Stronger representation in the Knesset and local councils of the Sephardic community was urged last night by Mr. E. Eliachar, head of the Sephardic Community Council. He addressed a gathering of some 50 Jerusalem Sephardic leaders in the Capital's Tel Aviv Hotel.

Mr. Eliachar also called upon the Sephardic community to assume leadership in the immigration of new immigrants. Mr. D. Silman, of the Council's Executive, opened the meeting.



Film Star Grace Kelly has a claim to fame not only as the bride-to-be of Prince Rainier of Monaco — she is also probably the first film actress in history to have her portrait on a postage stamp. Designed especially to commemorate the marriage, the stamp will not appear until the wedding day. Grace appears with hair swept back, wearing the uniform of a colonel of the Monaco army. The stamp will be issued in denominations of one to 500 French francs.

Conflict of Aims Lies Behind Cyprus Impasse

NICOSIA, Sunday.—The talks on Cyprus have broken down. The negotiations that have been going on for five months in an attempt to settle the future of this British Colony, strategically placed in the hollow of the Eastern Mediterranean, seem now to be deadlocked. Field-Marshal Sir John Harding and Archbishop Makarios — new style military governor and old-style political archbishop — after six personal meetings found themselves unable to agree. Their secretaries met another half a dozen times seeking "clarification."

When these meetings proved sterile, Mr. Francis Noel-Baker, a Labour M.P. intervened at the personal request of the Archbishop. His mediation was inconclusive. Finally Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, Colonial Secretary, flew out from London and saw the Archbishop.

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Secondly, the Archbishop has been demanding a written guarantee that any legislative assembly should have a majority of Greek Cypriot members. The Greek Cypriots number 400,000 or about 80 per cent of the island's population. The British Government maintains that it has promised the Turkish community that no constitution will be agreed upon until its leaders have had ample opportunity to express their views.

Thirdly, the Archbishop claims these should be under a Greek Cypriot Minister. The Governor insists the British must retain control at least until the island is freed from terrorism. Individually, these points would seem to be susceptible to compromise. In fact they are not.

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THE FOURTH GROUP of city workers from Rehovot to "Land a Hand on the Land" is expected to arrive in Nirim. A group of the staff of the Weizmann Institute is also being organized to work for a week with new immigrant farmers.

SOME 40 MEMBERS of new immigrant villages in the South have volunteered to work as instructors in new settlements in the Lachish area and near Beer Tuvia and Ashkelon. The first 20 have already left for their new jobs.

POSTAL ORDERS in the sums of 250, 500 and 750 pruta, ILA, ILB and ILG have been put on sale by the Post Office. The money order free will cost from 30 to 50 pruta. Lost money orders will be refunded at a fee of 10 pruta if proof is presented of their loss.

Doctors Warn Eshkol

The Israel Medical Association Central Committee, which met yesterday in Jerusalem, warned the Minister of Finance, Mr. Eshkol, that the strike agreement on the salary raises to be carried out in its entirety inside of one week.

Work at Hatzor Is Reviewed

The President on Saturday night lauded the archaeological team which participated in the first season of excavations at Hatzor. Speaking at Beit Hanassi at a meeting of the Israel Exploration Society's Archaeological Circle, Mr. Ben-Zvi expressed thanks to the team for the important results of the season's work.

Illustrating their reports with slides, archaeologists Y. Aharoni, R. Amiran, J. Perrot, and T. Dothan, who were in charge of the excavations, spoke of the unique scope and technique of the Hatzor project, which was directed by Professor Mazor of the Hebrew University, under whose auspices it is being carried out.

Much Ado About Haman

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Haifa Council Gets 'Austerity' Development Budget

HAIFA, Sunday. — Mayor Khoushy this evening laid before the City Council what he described as an austerity development budget of IL2.2m. for 1956/57, about IL1.3m. less than that of the year now ending. The reasons for economy were reinforced this year by security considerations.

The budget said the development budget, based largely on loans, the amounts of which were not yet ascertained, should be regarded as a programme rather than as a budget proper. The list of projects is headed by new classrooms for Haifa's growing school population. Up to 30 classrooms would be built in new and existing school buildings to end second shifts.

To avoid inequalities between schools in the number of children in classes, school principals are to be warned that if they do not put at least 40 children in each class their buildings will not be enlarged.

The housing programme calls for 500 dwellings to replace the catenary houses at David Mazar. In Haifa West, some 800 homes will be built, 100 for foreign specialists. The slums at the Shemen beach will also be replaced by permanent housing.

The outstanding item in the expenditure on cultural facilities is the City Theatre to be begun this year. The work will be financed by the sale of IL200,000 plot in Hadar Hacarmel and by a \$100,000 grant of the American Fund for Cultural Institutions in Israel. Libraries, community centres and youth clubs complete the list.

Water Supply

Other large items are IL250,000 to complete the Rothschild City Hospital, IL500,000 for water supply development. The Mayor said he hoped to put through next year the transfer of the privately owned supply systems to the city. IL425,000 on the sewage system, IL1,000,000 on the Carmel Subway on which work will start in a few weeks and which will cost this year IL200,000. All these projects would provide employment for hundreds of workers.

The city council also approved a majority vote on the coalition the 7½ per cent addition to the income tax which the Government has undertaken to refund to the local authorities to finance education. The Council approved a resolution to call on the Government to account for the expenditure on the use of the amount not refunded.

Bedeck to Take Over El Al Repairs

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — The Bedeck Overhaul Base will take over the repairs department of El Al on April 1, the Ministry of Defence spokesman announced today. El Al will retain only a small workshop for the maintenance, while most of its workshop equipment and workers will go over to the Bedeck Company. In a fight which broke out in the Yeminite synagogue yesterday, the badly hurt man, Mr. Moshe Karavani, was taken to Hadassah Hospital, and three persons were arrested.

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Jerusalem Post Reporter
The State's foreign currency debts increased by \$51 million during 1955 to stand at \$1,085.5 million as a result of increased imports without a parallel increase in foreign currency income.

Benzine Price Up 10 Pruta a Litre

Jerusalem Post Reporter
The price of benzine has been raised by 10 pruta a litre throughout the country, as from this morning. The price is now 220 pruta per litre in Tel Aviv and a little higher in Jerusalem.

At the same time, the quality of the benzine has been improved, from 70 octane to 75 octane, and cars will be consuming up to 10 per cent less.

Since the improvement in the quality benzine only costs several pruta more a litre, the rest of the 10 pruta increase will flow into the Treasury's coffers. The new price is expected to intensify the demands of bus cooperatives for higher fares. It was learned from Transport Ministry sources. It is understood that the Ministry plans to keep fares at their present level.

Ashkelon's Affairs Up in the Air

Jerusalem Post Reporter
ASHKELOH, Sunday. — A special law may have to be passed by the Knesset so that municipal affairs here may be put on some legal basis. The Jerusalem Post learned that the Minister of Interior has announced that he has no right to nominate the Mayor of the Council of the town, since this authority belongs only to local district councils.

The two clerks who were authorized to run municipal affairs in the absence of a Mayor and council, finished their duty on the 15th of last month, and unless a special law is passed, nobody knows who will administer the town's affairs.

Taiyiba to Get Electric Light

The Little Triangle village of Taiyiba is soon to be joined to the electricity network, the first minority village to get power and light from the national grid. A IL200,000 contract was recently signed between the Taiyiba Local Council and the Palestine Electric Corporation.

The work was completed with the aid of a IL200,000 loan from the Workers Bank. Taiyiba, one of the largest villages in the country, has a population of about 4,000.

Suspected Milkman Gets Order

The Supreme Court sitting at the High Court of Justice yesterday issued an order nisi requiring the Herzliya Local Council to show cause why the revocation of the milk vendor's licence of Mr. Abraham Rothstein, of Kfar Saba, should not be cancelled.

Mr. Y. Temam, appearing for the applicant, said that the licence had been revoked because a charge of stealing several cans of milk from Truva was pending against his client. He claimed that the Local Council had no right to revoke the licence because of this.

The Court was composed of Justice Cheshin, Deputy President, and Justices Silberg and Goldstein. (Itm)

IMMIGRANTS TO PAY SMALL CUSTOMS FEES

The customs duty on immigrants' personal effects will in future be based solely on the value of the articles which will also be exempt from the 30 per cent levy on all goods brought into the country without foreign currency allocation, according to an agreement reached yesterday between the Treasury and the Jewish Agency.

Personal effects may include an electric refrigerator, a passenger car and a motorcycle.

Youth Arrested As Infiltrator

BEERSHEVA, Sunday. — A 17-year-old infiltrator was arrested by police yesterday after he had been living in the country for some time on a false identity card. Mahmoud ben Mahmoud Ulliman Abu Nasser, a former member of Abnash, tribe, ran away to Jordan, but after spending some time there decided to return to Israel. He will be tried by a military court.

DRAFT DODGER REGISTERS; SENTENCE REDUCED

The Supreme Court sitting as a Court of Criminal Appeals yesterday reduced to five months the one-year sentence imposed on a gashito student for failing to register for military service after the student informed the Court that he had registered early yesterday morning.

Moshon Cohen, 22, father of three children, was given a four-month suspended sentence by the Jerusalem District Court for failing to register. When he failed to register after another warning, he was again tried and sentenced. This time he was

VISIT ISRAEL

"AND SEE THE LAND, WHAT IT IS"

Tourist Emblem For Approved Shops

The Government Tourist Corporation will distribute special emblems and placards of recommendation to 100 shops throughout the country which have been approved for the tourist trade. The approved shops include barber shops, souvenir shops, tailors, etc.

The tourist emblem has a picture of two of the 12 spies sent by Moses to reconnoitre the Land of Canaan. Authorized tourist guides will also soon be equipped with distinctive pins, as will taxi companies.

Tense Atmosphere, No Oil At Heletz

HELETZ, Sunday. — The tense atmosphere here today, though no oil has been found. The drill has reached a depth of 1,492 metres, and several testings have been made.

Experts think that they may have passed the oil level without being aware of it. Now they are brooding whether to drill on or return to the higher levels. At Heletz 2, work has not yet been resumed.

Hassidim Inaugurate Quarter In Natanya Amid Song and Dance

NATANYA, Sunday. — Hundreds of Hassidim sang and danced in the late hours of the night following the laying of the cornerstone for the quarter for the Hassidim in the new town of Natanya, which will go up in the north of the town. The stone was laid by the Admor of Kleisner, Rabbi Yehuda Leib, who came from the U.S. last Wednesday for the ceremony.

The "rebbe" has decided to settle here "although friends in the U.S. advised me not to do so at this dangerous time. But it is precisely at this time that I want to settle here, because I have faith in the victory of Israel," the Hassidic leader said.

He believes he was saved from the Nazis who killed his wife and six of his children for almost 100 years. He intends to build in this country.

In the new Hassidic centre, the Rabbi plans to house 3,000 families of his disciples from the U.S. and Canada. He is selling property to the value of \$2m, textile and diamond factories which he owns in those countries to establish in his "village" here and to found religious institutions including a yeshiva. All during Shabbat, the

GLUBB INCIDENT

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Government to administer the funds. Changes in the Legion's officer staff included the appointment of Col. Hikmat Mikhyar, Amman Police Commander, to the post of Chief of the Legion's Intelligence Service in place of Lt. Col. Patrick Coghill, whose dismissal was announced on Friday. Lt. Col. Haba Majall, hitherto Deputy Legion Chief of Staff, has been named Chief Security Officer, a post vacated by Brigadier-General Radi Ansh when he was appointed Commander of the Legion. The Deputy Chief of Staff is now Major Nasser Saman, former Nablus Police Commander.

The Jordan press, which announced Glubb's dismissal in red streamer headlines yesterday, reported that a series of fresh "surprises—no less important than the dismissal of Gen. Glubb," and which would have "far-reaching effects" on Jordan's future, could be expected soon.

Press reports also said that the Legion's radio station at Zerka had ceased, as from Friday, its practice of the past few weeks of jamming Cairo's "Voice of the Arabs" transmission.

King Hussein of Jordan in a press interview last night repeated the charges of misconduct against Gen. Glubb voiced on Saturday night by the official commentator of Radio Kamal.

He told the Arab News Agency that it was wrong to assume that the move had come as a surprise, and said that differences of opinion between him and his British commander date back several years.

There was no contradiction, he said, between Jordan's continuing to maintain cordial relations with Britain under the 1948 Anglo-Jordan treaty and the dismissal of Gen. Glubb, who had been a British officer.

The King concluded by reassuring British officers engaged as instructors and experts will be kept in the Legion, in accordance with Jordan's obligation.

It also stated that the Nablus Municipality Council and other institutions in the town had decided to stay away from a luncheon which Glubb had planned to give in the town. Representatives of the Arab refugees called King Hussein yesterday asking him to permit their recruitment in the new "free" army.

Zionist Leader Arrives After Four Years in Rumanian Jail

LYDDA AIRPORT, Sunday. — "Mr. Yeheskiel Reiter, former chairman of the Zionist Organization of Transylvania, and one of the Zionist prisoners in Rumania, arrived from Zurich by El Al today.

He spent four years in a Rumanian prison after he and 11 other Zionist leaders were sentenced to 15 years' imprisonment in 1952. He was released on December 10, immediately on gaining his freedom, he and his wife applied for permission to immigrate to Israel.

Sixty-four-year-old Mr. Reiter and his wife, Lunka, 55, have come to join their children here. Their daughter, Mrs. Lita Pargman, lives in Tel Aviv, and their son, Efraim, lives in the German Colony in Jerusalem.

Mr. Reiter was a veteran Zionist leader in Rumania, and until 1946 took part in four Zionist Congresses. On the same plane, two more immigrants from Eastern Europe arrived. They are Mrs. Rivka Copan, 50, of Lwow, came to join her son in Haifa, and Mrs. Dorota Krasn, 4, of Bucharest, who intends to join her husband in several years. (Itm)

46 Immigrants From East Europe Arrive

HAIFA, Sunday. — Forty-six immigrants from Eastern Europe were among the 979 passengers who arrived this morning in the a.s. Jerusalem. The largest group, over 600, was from North Africa, 18 were from Bulgaria, 15 from Hungary, 11 from Rumania, three from Czechoslovakia and one from Poland.

From Argentina and Uruguay came 16 pioneers, and 16 youth instructors for a one-year training course. The Leyland "Royal Tiger" buses now arriving here at the airport, will seat 45 passengers instead of the over 50 that now travel on the express routes.

The experiment of having reading material on the long journey buses has proved successful and now nearly all Hebrew language weeklies will be available in every bus, the Egged spokesman said. He hoped the cooperative would soon make dailies available, though their sale tends to interfere with persons sitting next to the reader.

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At 9 a.m. U.N. Headquarters confirmed that a message had been passed onto the Syrian authorities by the Chairman of the Israeli-Syrian Mixed Armistice Commission. The message informed the Syrians that an Israeli launch would approach the shore to free the grounded boat.

Upon receipt of the U.N.'s confirmation the rescue boat set out with four policemen. The men were trying to free the vessel they were fired on by the Syrians. They answered with their rifles, but all four were wounded. The boat was hit and drifted within 10 metres of the water-line.

The Syrians then crossed into Israeli territory from their dominating positions, and dragged the four men away. Mr. William Manichevitz is one of the owners of the Manichevitz Matzot company in the U.S. The family arrived to investigate investment possibilities here.

Ride with Egged and Read Your Favorite Magazine

TEL AVIV, Sunday. — Egged's "comfort campaign" will take two strides forward with more spacious seating in its latest buses and weekly-magazines in folders to read on all its "non-stop" inter-urban routes.

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Beduin Praise Allah For Negev Rain

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Diamond Field Found in Siberia

MOSCOW, Sunday (UP). — The Soviet geologist Mr. D. L. Shcherbakov, today announced that a diamond field had been found in Yakutia, Siberia. The announcement was regarded as an enlargement of Premier Nikolai Bulganin's mention of broadening Russian diamond exports made before the Communist Party Congress several weeks ago. No exact figures were given on the number or the size of the stones, however.

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THE Negev proper occupies more than half the area of Israel and less than one-third of one per cent of the population lives in the region.

NEGEV POLICY

Canada may be able to afford its empty tracts of land, for it has ample resources in land and materials, but Israel cannot. Much of our soil is poor, water is scarce and potash, the only raw material available until recently, can be extracted with difficulty at the Dead Sea, a location that is astonishingly inaccessible for so small a country.

A great deal of money has been invested in research and exploitation since the establishment of the State, and none of it has yet been put to pay a dividend. Even the oil from Heletz, the most important of the mineral finds up to now, is still at least many months away from use or sale. It is not difficult to calculate that the costs of exploration are high, and that even when a material has been found in small quantities it may still be cheaper to buy it from abroad than to extract it at home, as was the case with the small sulphur deposits found in the Negev some time ago. But that cannot be the only criterion. No country can afford to remain for ever without raw materials, whatever the prime cost of finding them.

It is a pathetic illusion of the anti-planning faction in this country that we may hope for foreign interest to make this investment for us—again, except in the single case of oil, where the situation is incomparably more favourable than in other fields. Private initiative at home, which this faction supports, is unwilling, and possibly unable, to move from high-grade consumption goods production in Ramat Gan to prospecting in the Wilderness of Zin. How reasonable is it to suppose that foreign investors will undertake this work for us while they have a choice of more promising alternatives? And if we should fail despite all efforts, and none of the finds in the end contribute toward the national budget, then we shall have to reorganize our entire way of life in due course, and not in the direction of better living. In other countries, living standards rose slowly through the centuries, as material goods were obtained from the ground. We began with 20th century standards, and must discover the means to finance them as an afterthought.

But there is another consideration, of equal urgency. The Negev is empty, and its long untenanted borders have Egypt and Jordan for neighbours. There is no reason to suppose that even the latest rebuff in Jordan will cause Great Britain finally to abandon the plan for buying off Arab hostility with gifts of land out from the Israeli south. With increasing close political links between the two Arab countries will be more anxious than ever for land communications, if they remain unwilling to make peace with Israel and solve their problem that way. British troops are not stationed in Akaba, and they will be ready to play their part in any scheme that may be prepared by one or more of the powers—if the Negev is empty. Were there no Elat today, with a small busy town and port as well as a military camp, the fate of the southern Negev would already be decided against us, by default. Not only nature abhors a vacuum. We may settle the Negev because we need work for a growing nation, or we may search for mineral wealth there because it is, apparently, our best chance, but we must make it possible to live in the Negev in order that it shall not remain open to an invader. To save on development and curtail the budget for water drilling research may cost us many times the sum saved in military expenditure.

West Must Get Tough with Arabs

By HAL LEHRMAN

WITH their blind-spot to true Soviet intentions, Arabs are totally incapable of seeing the perils inherent in the diplomatic blackmail game they are now playing between East and West. The West, however, sees it very clearly—which makes the Arab bargaining position all the stronger, because the net result is to sharpen the westerner's fright.

The general Middle Eastern scene being so bleak, it is agreeable to report at least one encouraging thing—not very perceptible as yet, but nevertheless hopeful. The Czech-Egyptian arms agreement provoked as much revision among westerners in the area as exhilaration among Arabs. In one country after another I found diplomats who, for the first time in my experience, were betraying signs of fatigue with Arab ways of negotiating and performing.

Not too much should be made of this belated awakening. The typical diplomat is getting tired, yes, but only of his own Arab. The chap in Cairo, for instance, will say: "You never know what these blanket-blank Egyptians are going to do next... But I hear that Nuri Sa'id up there in Iraq is a pretty sound character... Or in Baghdad, the British are making a move to get anything done in this country... But they say the Lebanese are altogether different—real live wires... Nevertheless it is encouraging that some realistic light is finally commencing to shine on the hitherto unerringly negative portrait of the Noble Arab, pure and unblemished."

On a larger scale, though the West continued almost by conditioned reflex to seek in the Egyptian paragon the Arab world, it is noteworthy that more and more foreigners are beginning to agree on the futility of such a policy. "How can you make a policy that's built on sand?" I was not infrequently asked quite rhetorically. "How can you be sure the Arab will still be saying tomorrow what he tells you today?"

West Watches East

THE fact is that a mere unfreezing of weapons for Israel will not solve the security problem, neither for Israel nor for the West, which must be devised on an approach to keep the decision from serving as an Arab pretext for further recourse to the Soviets.

Now there is, of course, an absolute limit to the amount of planes and tanks which the Arabs can absorb. Meanwhile, the British and the World Bank are already indicated, to help you with the economic development of the Negev. We will help you and Israel, already indicated, to help you with the economic development of the Negev. We will help you and Israel, already indicated, to help you with the economic development of the Negev.

KEEPING POSTED

A FRIEND reports that there is no end to the hazards of living. Some years ago she lost her Friday car as the result of leaving them at a table in reach of a cat that sneaked in from the garden. Now that she lives on a top floor, she feels reasonably safe in putting things out on the balcony as a cat figure that no cat could climb up.

But there is another consideration, of equal urgency. The Negev is empty, and its long untenanted borders have Egypt and Jordan for neighbours. There is no reason to suppose that even the latest rebuff in Jordan will cause Great Britain finally to abandon the plan for buying off Arab hostility with gifts of land out from the Israeli south. With increasing close political links between the two Arab countries will be more anxious than ever for land communications, if they remain unwilling to make peace with Israel and solve their problem that way. British troops are not stationed in Akaba, and they will be ready to play their part in any scheme that may be prepared by one or more of the powers—if the Negev is empty. Were there no Elat today, with a small busy town and port as well as a military camp, the fate of the southern Negev would already be decided against us, by default. Not only nature abhors a vacuum. We may settle the Negev because we need work for a growing nation, or we may search for mineral wealth there because it is, apparently, our best chance, but we must make it possible to live in the Negev in order that it shall not remain open to an invader. To save on development and curtail the budget for water drilling research may cost us many times the sum saved in military expenditure.

WHEN Bin Hod was taken over by the Artists Association it was an ordinary abandoned Arab village, its houses, not painted to begin with, were half destroyed and its worth expressed by repairing for immigrants. The artists were willing to do the job themselves, for the sake of the romantic aspect of the place. It still looks romantic, though it has been tidied up a little, and for the great Arab artist party it is made gorgeous with them. Chagall and other artists have been attracted to this year's party at Elat, a head in aid of the Artists Association. They invited each other, over the cobblestones, drifted away.

POPULAR LIBRARY BOOKS

Today's contributors include R. Shatzman, Jerusalem, and S. Shatzman, Tel Aviv.



Kiss for Hussein is lovingly registered by Jordan tribal chieftain in appreciation for dismissing General Glubb as Commander of the Arab Legion. Another chieftain waits in line to record his admiration for King's action. King Hussein held Open House for the purpose in Amman on Saturday.

Clearly, something better is needed than just a licence to Israel for arms purchases. What lines of action are available to the Powers—especially to the U.S.—to satisfy Israel's defence needs and yet restrain a frenzied Egypt from plunging wholly into the Soviet camp? In the first shock of the Czech arms announcement, the U.S. was outraged enough to contemplate getting tough with the "double-crossing" Egyptians, but the impact wore off, and Washington seems again to be dusting off the discredited methods of bribe and pious exhortation.

What to Do with the Arabs

Israel is asking to buy a quantity of arms from the U.S. which represents only a fraction of the Egyptian purchase from the Czechs. Israel wants this equipment as a deterrent to Egyptian attack, not as a springboard for an Arab attack. Israel is willing to give rigorous guarantees and commitments that she will not use the weapons against the Soviet Union. Let the U.S. decide to give Israel these arms and obtain from her these commitments. Then let the U.S., supported by Britain and France if possible but alone if necessary, turn to Egypt, proclaim these decisions, and say:

"Arms to Israel—in the small quantities we are providing and with the absolute guarantee she is giving us not to use them for security. For your self-defence, you will continue to hold on to your arms. We therefore ask you to put the fear of an Israeli attack aside. We will help you and Israel, already indicated, to help you with the economic development of the Negev. We will help you and Israel, already indicated, to help you with the economic development of the Negev."

Britain is not eager to lay down her troop departure (now almost completed) from the Suez area. There is nothing in the Anglo-Egyptian Suez treaty which would prevent Egypt from obtaining arms wherever she pleases. Of course, the spirit of a treaty designed to keep the bases intact for the British if the Russians invaded the Middle East would manifestly be violated. In the interim, Egypt must take over her military establishment and even the Suez installations which she has pledged to maintain. Egypt must take over her military establishment and even the Suez installations which she has pledged to maintain. Egypt must take over her military establishment and even the Suez installations which she has pledged to maintain.

Glubb's Going

ALL papers discussing Glubb's dismissal consider this event, due to Britain's myopic policy, as an indication of the collapse of the British Empire in the Middle East, and as a warning to the other Western countries that insist on depending upon Egyptian cooperation.

But let us not hitch our future to the whims of a few men. Let us preserve (their monopoly in this region, for the sooner they understand that they must desist from trying to use the Middle East as a political and military base against the Socialist countries, the sooner will all powers be able to get together to bring peace to Israel and her neighbours.

"Habaker" (General Zion) writes that we can look forward to a worsening of the border situation well-intensified aggression because the Legion's new commander will try to show their strength by launching a new offensive against the Jews. The supply of defensive arms to Israel is not dictated by reality and anyone ignoring this is guilty of endangering the entire region and of weakening the only factor still able to bring about a balance against those who would convert it into an aggressive anti-democratic stronghold.

No Longer Binding

"Herut" writes that the Armistice Agreement with Jordan, which Israel has been guarding so jealously, is no longer binding on the status quo. But now that more Egyptian forces are to flow into the territory, the Jordanian situation will be changed. That fact, together with Hussein's declaration that he will "conquer the whole of Palestine" poses the question: Will the Israeli Government at all back and wait till Hussein fixes the date? "Herut" (non-party) says that Israel will not interfere in Jordan's internal affairs, but Jordan must know that provocation will be brought with danger. Israel does not object to Jordan's attaining independence but she cannot agree to Jordan's making that an excuse for breaking the peace and challenging Israel's sovereignty.

Desert Wealth Still Waits on Water

By LEA BEN-DOR

EVEN three or four years ago, important people took a plane if they wanted to visit Elat—there was precious little to see after Beersheba in any case, but the scenery. Last week the Ministry of Development took the bull by the horns and invited the entire Economic Committee of the Knesset to visit both the modest progress and the vast possibilities of the Negev, and to judge for themselves what should be done about this problem.

Use Israel

Until now, it is pointed out, western diplomacy has never used the one fact in the Middle Eastern complex which gives the Arabs greatest concern and serves as the sharpest brake on their pseudo-belated nationalism: the uncontroverted superiority of the Israeli army over any alliance of Arab armies—and the Arab-Israeli war. Suppose, instead of this, we used the fact of their superiority, as already indicated. The Arabs, quite plainly, are scared of the Israeli army. They are not referring here to the "Arab propaganda charge that Israel is a menace because of her alleged 'expansionist imperialism'." They are scared of the Israeli army. They are not referring here to the "Arab propaganda charge that Israel is a menace because of her alleged 'expansionist imperialism'."

Timna Copper Mine

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British at Akaba

And suppose we were to keep the little town to a minimum size, as a geo-political curiosity instead of a genuine port city? Look across from Elat in the evening, towards the long row of bright lights that go up in the view as chunks of blackish rock that is bright green where it is broken up and freshly exposed. After that, the layer of copper ore slopes away underground. The manager of the project, Mr. E. Bodenkin, showed us how mining would begin on the open-cast system, proceeding to two tunnels as soon as it becomes more expensive to remove the layer of rock above than to construct pits. The copper content is reasonably good, and in the up part of the seam of ore sometimes exceeds two per cent. The mine is only two kilometres from the main Arava road, and 22 from the port of Elat. The original calculation was based on an estimated price of \$800 per ton of copper. For a variety of reasons, that figure has since jumped to around \$1,000, though there is no guarantee that it will stay that high. There is just one little problem. The normal method of extraction, by precipitation with sulphuric acid, needs a great deal of water, and a production unit processing 1,500 tons of ore a day and producing about 25 tons of copper would consume about half the water available for the whole area and strangle all other development. To expand the mine we must look for more water.

Knesset Economists Look at the Negev

Research is being pressed forward for a dry process, but nothing wholly satisfactory has yet been found. The first sulphuric acid unit is now being built, and production is scheduled for 1957 (if the full budget of \$7m. and \$12m. are made available), but meanwhile the place is still a wilderness. As we listened to talk of thousands of tons and millions of dollars, a gaselle skipped derisively up the craggy mountains that conceal the board of metal.

Significance of Elat

Obviously, the port will be an economic proposition only when there is something to carry away from Elat, as well as goods to be taken there. The beautiful grey or pink granite that is being quarried a hundred yards from the new port site—exactly like that used for the great statues of the Pharaohs in ancient Egypt—which will fetch a good price in the United States, and for tombstones? Copper? Potash from Sodom? Nobody knows exactly. Fishing is sporadic and port labour more so. By the curious magic of people living together, the spaces between the non-existing industries are being filled in with the minor trades and services which in any case take up 80 per cent of our working effort even in other parts of the country. Housing is not cheap, for fair conditions must be offered to people willing to brave out the summer down there. Outside the windows a double frame of wire netting is packed with fibres that are kept moist with a steady drip of water and cool down the burning north wind by 15 degrees in the hot dry summer nights, and make sleep possible. Elat's per capita consumption of water is five times that of Tel Aviv. To go on building Elat, we must look for more water.

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Knesset Economists Look at the Negev

Research is being pressed forward for a dry process, but nothing wholly satisfactory has yet been found. The first sulphuric acid unit is now being built, and production is scheduled for 1957 (if the full budget of \$7m. and \$12m. are made available), but meanwhile the place is still a wilderness. As we listened to talk of thousands of tons and millions of dollars, a gaselle skipped derisively up the craggy mountains that conceal the board of metal.

Significance of Elat

Obviously, the port will be an economic proposition only when there is something to carry away from Elat, as well as goods to be taken there. The beautiful grey or pink granite that is being quarried a hundred yards from the new port site—exactly like that used for the great statues of the Pharaohs in ancient Egypt—which will fetch a good price in the United States, and for tombstones? Copper? Potash from Sodom? Nobody knows exactly. Fishing is sporadic and port labour more so. By the curious magic of people living together, the spaces between the non-existing industries are being filled in with the minor trades and services which in any case take up 80 per cent of our working effort even in other parts of the country. Housing is not cheap, for fair conditions must be offered to people willing to brave out the summer down there. Outside the windows a double frame of wire netting is packed with fibres that are kept moist with a steady drip of water and cool down the burning north wind by 15 degrees in the hot dry summer nights, and make sleep possible. Elat's per capita consumption of water is five times that of Tel Aviv. To go on building Elat, we must look for more water.

Desert Wealth Still Waits on Water

By LEA BEN-DOR

EVEN three or four years ago, important people took a plane if they wanted to visit Elat—there was precious little to see after Beersheba in any case, but the scenery. Last week the Ministry of Development took the bull by the horns and invited the entire Economic Committee of the Knesset to visit both the modest progress and the vast possibilities of the Negev, and to judge for themselves what should be done about this problem.

Use Israel

Until now, it is pointed out, western diplomacy has never used the one fact in the Middle Eastern complex which gives the Arabs greatest concern and serves as the sharpest brake on their pseudo-belated nationalism: the uncontroverted superiority of the Israeli army over any alliance of Arab armies—and the Arab-Israeli war. Suppose, instead of this, we used the fact of their superiority, as already indicated. The Arabs, quite plainly, are scared of the Israeli army. They are not referring here to the "Arab propaganda charge that Israel is a menace because of her alleged 'expansionist imperialism'." They are scared of the Israeli army. They are not referring here to the "Arab propaganda charge that Israel is a menace because of her alleged 'expansionist imperialism'."

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